

To the members of the FCC.

XM radio is a revolutionary idea which allows radio listeners to have the same benefits as television viewers have with cable television or satellite television. To stop XM radio from airing traffic and local weather would equate to the FCC stopping cable access television stations, which can not be viewed over the public airways, from broadcasting local weather and traffic reports.

Although I am not well versed in the law, I think I recognize what is fair. Since AM radio was the first delivery method for broadcast weather reports, does that mean that a newer technology, television, can not be allowed to broadcast weather reports. And since over the air television came before cable television, I presume now cable access station would not be allowed to air weather reports. I presume that all more conventional forms of media always feels threatened when a new form comes available. Newspaper publisher felt threatened when radio was popular, Radio when television was invented. I remember when the demise of CBS, NBC, and ABC was predicted when cable television was introduced, but instead of less "free" television networks we have added Fox, UPN and WB.

As technology has advanced the local newspaper has not disappeared because the internet now contains access to the Washington Post, no the local newspaper has had to compete and still has a place. Will the local traffic and weather on local radio stations disappear, simply because XM now offers<, I don't think so.

It is natural for business to feel threatened by change, but instead of hiding behind government organization.